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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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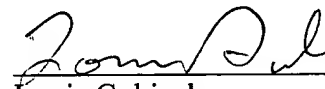
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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

EP 0406993, US 5,364,856 and Kost are the references cited in the International Search Report. The remaining references are of record in the U.S. parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/323,823, filed June 2, 1999.

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